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SPRING SOWS IN 10 STATES DOWN 13 PERCENT:

The number of sows farrowed and intended to farrow in the spring of 1960 (December through May) for 10 of the Corn Belt States is 13 percent less than the same period in 1959 and 13 percent below the 1949-58 average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The number is now estimated at 5,297,000 head for the 10 States (Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Kansas). Farrowings in all 10 States are down this spring from a year earlier. Decreases range from 7 percent in Ohio and Missouri to 28 percent in South Dakota. A decrease of 20 percent is indicated in Nebraska, 19 percent in Kansas, 15 percent in Wisconsin and Minnesota, 12 percent in Iowa, 11 percent in Illinois, and 10 percent in Indiana. The March 1 survey indicates a decrease of less than 1 percent (23,000 head) from the spring farrowing intentions reported for these States as of December 1, 1959. The 10 States included in this report accounted for 73 percent of the 1959 United States pig crop.

DECEMBER-FEBRUARY FARROWINGS DOWN 19 PERCENT:

Sows farrowed in the 10 States during December, January, and February totaled 1,746,000 head, 19 percent less than during the same period a year earlier but 35 percent more than average. These farrowings represent 33 percent of the estimated December-May total--compared with 35 percent of the spring total during the corresponding period a year earlier and the average of 21 percent. On December 1 farmers reported intentions to farrow 15 percent fewer sows during December-February than a year earlier. Farmers' reports indicate that the number of sows farrowed in December was down slightly compared with a year earlier with most of the decrease occurring in January and February.

MARCH-MAY INTENDED FARROWINGS DOWN 10 PERCENT

Sows bred and intended for farrowing in March, April, and May this year in the 10 States total 3,551,000 head, 10 percent less than a year earlier and 26 percent below average. This is 1 percent or 51,000 head more than the farrowing intentions reported for these States in December. All 10 States indicate decreases from a year earlier ranging from 3 percent in Ohio and Indiana to 26 percent in South Dakota.

JUNE-AUGUST INTENTIONS DOWN 4 PERCENT:

Reported breeding intentions indicate 2,324,000 sows to farrow during the 1960 summer quarter (June through August) for the 10 States. This is a decrease of 4 percent or 95,000 sows from the 2,419,000 that farrowed during this same period a year earlier but 21 percent more than average. All 10 States indicate

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Sows farrowing by quarters, Selected Corn Belt States

State	December through February 1/				March through May			
	Average 1949-58	1959	1960	1960 as % of 1959	Average 1949-58	1959	1960 2/	1960 as % of 1959
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	128	160	140	88	257	208	202	97
Ind.	245	315	266	84	332	265	256	97
Ill.	213	363	306	84	720	611	561	92
Wis.	63	121	87	72	257	198	184	93
Minn.	86	188	147	78	544	420	370	88
Iowa	285	537	433	81	1,592	1,239	1,130	91
Mo.	154	225	200	89	343	342	327	96
S.Dak.	20	53	34	64	294	268	197	74
Nebr.	58	124	87	72	382	290	244	84
Kans.	42	63	46	73	106	92	80	87
Total 10 States	1,293	2,149	1,746	81	4,827	3,933	3,551	90

State	December through May 1/				June through August			
	Average 1949-58	1959	1960 3/	1960 as % of 1959	Average 1949-58	1959	1960 2/	1960 as % of 1959
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	385	368	342	93	156	178	175	98
Ind.	577	580	522	90	318	299	290	97
Ill.	933	974	867	89	310	447	411	92
Wis.	320	319	271	85	101	128	125	98
Minn.	630	608	517	85	173	237	225	95
Iowa	1,877	1,776	1,563	88	515	659	645	98
Mo.	496	567	527	93	196	263	250	95
S.Dak.	315	321	231	72	39	57	55	97
Nebr.	440	414	331	80	73	98	96	98
Kans.	148	155	126	81	41	53	52	98
Total 10 States	6,120	6,082	5,297	87	1,922	2,419	2,324	96

1/ December preceding year.
2/ Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.
3/ Sum of December through February farrowings and March through May intentions to farrow.

Hogs and pigs: Number on farms by classes March 1, Selected Corn Belt States

State	Under 3 months				3 to 6 months			
	1958	1959	1960	1960 as % of 1959	1958	1959	1960	1960 as % of 1959
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	935	1,093	967	88	935	970	940	97
Ind.	2,110	2,260	1,930	85	1,200	1,325	1,400	106
Ill.	2,240	2,550	2,210	87	2,285	2,500	2,600	104
Wis.	705	846	613	72	481	505	552	109
Minn.	1,020	1,350	1,056	78	806	1,096	950	87
Iowa	3,370	3,815	3,210	84	3,420	3,860	3,815	99
Mo. 1/	1,400		1,430		1,480		1,770	
S.Dak.	280	377	238	63	225	345	270	78
Nebr.	670	840	603	72	645	710	687	97
Kans.	360	425	312	73	315	375	375	100
Total 9 States	11,690	13,556	11,139	82	10,312	11,686	11,589	99
Total 10 States 1/	13,090		12,569		11,792		13,359	

State	Total under 6 months				6 months and older				All hogs and pigs			
	1958	1959	1960	1960 as % of 1959	1958	1959	1960	1960 as % of 1959	1958	1959	1960	1960 as % of 1959
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent
Ohio	1,870	2,063	1,907	92	608	663	628	95	2,478	2,726	2,535	93
Ind.	3,310	3,585	3,330	93	1,244	1,379	1,237	90	4,554	4,964	4,567	92
Ill.	4,525	5,050	4,810	95	2,271	2,494	2,357	95	6,796	7,544	7,167	95
Wis.	1,186	1,351	1,165	86	585	633	581	92	1,771	1,984	1,746	88
Minn.	1,826	2,446	2,006	82	1,302	1,464	1,318	90	3,128	3,910	3,324	85
Iowa	6,790	7,675	7,025	92	3,930	4,224	4,160	98	10,720	11,899	11,185	94
Mo. 1/	2,880		3,200		1,003		1,160		3,883		4,360	
S.Dak.	505	722	508	70	605	654	538	82	1,110	1,376	1,046	76
Nebr.	1,315	1,550	1,290	83	745	860	831	97	2,060	2,410	2,121	88
Kans.	675	800	687	86	205	274	258	94	880	1,074	945	88
Total 9 States	22,002	25,242	22,728	90	11,495	12,645	11,908	94	33,497	37,887	34,636	91
Total 10 States 1/	24,882		25,928		12,498		13,068		37,380		38,996	

1/ Data for Missouri for 1959 not available.

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decreases in sow farrowings for this quarter. Intended decreases are 8 percent in Illinois, 5 percent in Minnesota and Missouri, 3 percent in Indiana and South Dakota, and 2 percent in Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas.

ALL HOGS AND PIGS IN 9 STATES DOWN 9 PERCENT:

The number of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 1960 in the 9 States with comparable data totaled 34,636,000 head. This was 9 percent less than the 37,887,000 head a year earlier. All States showed decreases, ranging from 5 percent in Illinois to 24 percent in South Dakota. Hogs and pigs 6 months old and over totaled 11,908,000 head, 6 percent less than a year earlier. Total commercial slaughter of hogs for the United States during January was 11 percent more than a year earlier.

The number of pigs under 6 months of age in the 9 States was 10 percent less than on March 1, 1959. There is a decrease of 1 percent in the 3-6 month age group and a decrease of 18 percent in the number under 3 months of age. Indications point to a slightly larger number of pigs saved per litter for the December-February period than a year earlier. The 12,569,000 pigs under 3 months old on farms March 1 in the 10 States accounted for 32 percent of all hogs, and the 13,359,000 head in the 3 - 6 month age group represented 34 percent of the total.

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